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Title: The Maritime Union

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## Preamble

Having believed it  
necessary for the  
improvement of our  
nations to extricate  
ourselves from the  
political bonds of the

Protectorate, I hereby  
propose that we proceed  
to embark upon a new  
venture. Let us do this  
not as single entities  
but a collective, for we  
share many common bonds  
which could not be

adequately addressed if  
linked inseparably to  
another political  
institution which largely  
comprises lands far  
beyond our borders even  
unto the Abyss. Not for  
that reason alone should

we wish to remove  
ourselves, but also that  
there are marked  
philosophical differences  
which we can not, and  
should not, be forced to  
employ against other  
nations for which we have

no legitimate quarrel.

Therefore, let us  
declare our independence  
from the Protectorate,  
to form a new  
government which is based  
upon trade, not war, that  
can enable us to focus

on the welfare of our  
own lands, unfettered.  
This collective or alliance

may hereby to be known  
as the Maritime Union.  
It will develop its own  
code of laws, officers,  
and form of government

as decided by a  
democratic process by its  
members.

## Statement of Purpose

The Maritime Union  
shall operate as an entity  
based entirely in Trammel  
and Tokuno. All those  
who would be members  
shall seek the welfare of

all other members,  
preferring them in trade,  
above any and all  
non-members. In so  
doing, we shall affirm our  
commitment to this  
enterprise, which shall,  
through undivided loyalty,

enable all members to  
profit foremost and  
equally through trade, in  
the development of ideas  
and ideals, technology,  
advancements in sciences,  
both social and biological.

## Basic Concepts

The Maritime Union will  
be a legislative body  
called the Presidium  
comprised of a single  
representative from each  
city-state, chosen by

whatever means each  
client state deems best,  
or in keeping with the  
operations of its current  
government. These  
representatives will, in  
turn, preside as the chair

person, or Director, and will hold that position for a tenure of three to six months. After that time, by any chosen allotment, the office shall rotate automatically until all representatives have filled it, upon the conclusion of which, the process shall begin again.

Each representative shall have one vote to cast on any issue.

All items of deliberation shall be decided by a simple majority vote.

Meetings shall be held at least monthly, or bi-weekly, and the location may vary.

## Conclusion

This is merely a brief on the subject. I ask that you consider it carefully. If you deem this venture appropriate, please notify me at your earliest. We can, and shall, deliberate matters further, including protocols and particulars about laws and so forth.

Thank you for your time.

- Thraxas -